

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt comprising an endless high-tensile-strength belt of a plate and a belt main body made of elastic material and attached to an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt,

said high-tensile-strength belt having engagement holes arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction thereof, said engagement holes being to engage with engagement projections of a wheel,

said belt main body integrally including an endless base part attached all around an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt and a plurality of tread lugs formed spacedly on an outer periphery of said base part, wherein an inner periphery of said base part is completely contacting the entire outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt,

~~said high-tensile-strength belt being thin compared with said base part,~~

said base part covering said engagement holes and having escape recesses formed at locations corresponding to said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt, said escape recesses being to receive said engagement projections of said wheel.

2. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit comprising a plurality of wheels disposed separately in a front and rear direction and a crawler belt trained about said wheels, wherein
- said crawler belt comprises an endless high-tensile-strength belt ~~of a plate~~ and a belt main body made of elastic material and attached to an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt, said high-tensile-strength belt having engagement holes arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction thereof,
 - said belt main body integrally including an endless base part attached all around said outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt and a plurality of tread lugs formed spacedly on an outer periphery of said base part, said high-tensile-strength belt being thin compared with said base part, wherein an inner periphery of said base part is completely contacting the entire outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt,
 - said base part covering said engagement holes and having escape recesses formed at locations corresponding to said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt, and wherein
 - a driving wheel of said plurality of wheels has engagement projections arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction on an outer peripheral surface thereof, said engagement projections being adapted to be engaged with said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt of said crawler belt and at the same time to enter said escape recesses of said belt main body.
3. (Previously Presented) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein outer peripheral surfaces of said plurality of wheels are generally cylindrical surfaces.
4. (Previously Presented) A crawler unit according to claim 3, wherein said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt have a generally circular shape, said engagement projections of said wheel have a generally semi-spherical shape and said escape recesses of said base part have a generally semi-spherical shape.

5. (Previously Presented) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein said crawler unit further comprises a pair of side plates extending in a front and rear direction to cover opposite side surfaces of said plurality of wheels, said belt main body comprising shielding flanges continuously formed along an entire length on opposite sides of said base part, edges of said shielding flanges contacting peripheral edges of said side plates.
6. (Previously Presented) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein said tread lugs extend in a width direction of said base part, said tread lugs having a planar shape bent at least at one point, the height of said tread lugs being not less than 3 times and not greater than 7 times as large as the thickness of said tread lugs.
7. – 9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) A crawler belt according to claim 1, wherein said belt main body is attached only to the outer periphery of the high-tensile-strength belt.
11. (Previously Presented) A crawler belt according to claim 10, wherein the high-tensile-strength belt is composed of a steel belt.
12. (Previously Presented) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein the high-tensile-strength belt directly contacts the outer peripheral surface of the wheel.